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FRAMJEE, MOOS, & MEHTA,
Attorneys for the Petitioner.

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L. RIVETT CARNAC,
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Administrator-General's Office, High Court, Bombay, 18th December, 1896.

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P. C. H. SNOW,
Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay.

Municipal Offices, Bombay, 19th December 1896.

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

BOMBAY MARKET REPORT.

FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 18.

THE continued prevalence of the local fever epidemic which has caused the exodus of many thousands of the native trading and working classes from this city, and the scarcity of food for the masses in a number of the up-country districts remain the principal causes of the depression in business generally which we have again to report, and of gloomy prospects for our trade in the near future. With the exception of a temporary better demand for Cotton from the local Mills this staple has been dull, though latterly steadier again, and a material downward movement in prices has taken place in sympathy with the governing markets. Wheat and Seeds are unchanged in position and value. Rates of Exchange declined daily this week, until a drop of 5-16d. had been touched; but, to-day, there has been a reaction, and our closing quotations are 3-16ths for Bank Paper, and 5-32nds for Credits lower than on last Friday evening. Money is much wanted and is very scarce. Government Paper has fluctuated a good deal, but rates leave off 11-16ths higher for the higher denomination, and ¼ per cent. for Threes. Freights have been an inanimate market throughout the week and closing quotations are rather lower. Business in Imports is very restricted, and some dealers are closing their shops owing to the Bubonic fever scare. Prices of staple Manchester goods, in some cases, are rather lower.

MONEY.—The action of the Directors of the Presidency Bank in advancing their rates by another one per cent. at their Board Meeting, on Thursday, in last week in presence of increasing scarcity of money was justified by the Statement of Affairs of the Bank issued on Monday, which disclosed a diminution in the Cash balance of over 23¼ lakhs at 131¼ lakhs, at the close of last week, compared with its state at the end of the week preceding. The Return showed very heavy withdrawals from Private Deposits, and a material increase both in Loans and Bills Discounted, the total addition to trade requirements being represented by some 34½ lakhs, as against a diminution in the same direction of 19½ lakhs in the previous week. On the other hand, the Cash Balance was helped by a net increase of 5 lakhs in Government Deposits, and by a decrease of 6¼ lakhs in balances with other banks.

Money, meantime, has been in which demand and is very scarce; but no further change has been made in the rates of the Bank of Bombay, the minimum remaining at 8 per cent.; while in the open market 9 per cent. is now quoted.

EXCHANGE opened steady in tone last mail day, at 1s. 3 13-32d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and 1s. 3 19-32d for three months' sight Credits; but the Bazaar having come out as buyers for cover of their sales in the earlier part of last week, rates receded 1-32d. all round, and closed at the lower level. Again steady in tone on Monday rates opened at 1s. 3 3-8d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and 1s. 3 17-32 to 9-16d. for three months' sight Credits, at which the market continued steady for near delivery, with a moderate amount of business passing both ways. On Tuesday the feeling in the market was quiet at 1s. 3 11-32d. for Bank Telegraphic, 1s. 3-38d., for Demand, and 1s. 3 9-16d. for three months' sight Credits. Business was upon a very small scale, and few operations were reported either way; at the close rates were weaker, and 1s. 3 5-16d. was the best obtainable for Wire Transfer. The market was quiet, not to say dull, on Wednesday with 1s. 3 9-32d. quoted for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and 1s. 3 15-32d. for three months' sight Credits. The Bazaar bought for ready delivery, and rates fell away 1-32d., all round. Merchant's Bills were scarce, and there was but very little business passing. Weak in tone yesterday rates opened at 1s. 3 5-32d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and 1s. 3 3-8d. for three months' sight Credits. The Bazaar was early in the market as buyers, both ready and forward, and rates rapidly receded to 1s. 3 1-16d., for Bank remittance and Credits, at which business was reported. To-day the market opened steady at 1s. 3 1-8d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and at 1s. 3 5-16d. for three months' sight Credits. A few Merchants' Bills came out, and rates advanced to 1s. 3 7-32d. for Bank remittance of both media, and to 1s. 3 13-32d. for Credits, the market closing steady as follows:—

Bank Bills on Demand	.....	1s. 3 7-32d.	per rupee.
Do.	Telegraphic	1s. 3 7-32d.	"
Do.	3 months' sight..	1s. 3 9-32d.	"
Credits	3 Do.	1s. 3 13-32d.	"
Do.	6 Do.	1s. 3 17-32d.	"
Documents	3 months' sight ..	1s. 3 7-16d.	"
Do.	6 do. ...	1s. 3 9-16d.	"
Francs	3 do. ...	162	"
Do.	6 do. ...	163	"

GOVERNMENT PAPER.—Last mail day the market was active and advancing, and rates for 3½ per Cents after opening at 100 1/8 for Money and Account, rose to 100¼ in both positions, but at the close the feeling was weaker and 100 5-16 was named, with Three per Cents quoted at 98¾, nominal. The tone of the market was quiet and drooping on Monday, and rates opened at 100 1-16 for Cash and the 5th January Settlement, for 3½ per Cents, from which they declined to 99 15-16 and par in the two positions, respectively, but left off at par, all round, with Three per Cents at 98¼. Rates opened at par on Tuesday for 3½ per Cents for Money and Account, and advanced ¼ per cent. in both positions in a steady market, but the rise was lost before the close, rates having left off at par; the price of Threes remained at 98¼. The market was closed on Wednesday owing to the death of a leading broker, and rates were nominally quoted at 100 1-16 for Money and Account for 3½ per Cents. Yesterday the market opened at the enhanced rates of 100¼ for 3½ per Cents for Money, and 100 7-16 for Account, and these rates were maintained in a strong market until near the close, when they further advanced 1-16 per cent., at which they left off; 98¼ was the quotation for Threes. To-day, 100¼ and 100 3/8 have been named for 3½ per Cents for Money and Account, respectively, but those quotations as well as that for 3 per Cents. must be taken as nominal to a great extent, the market having been nearly deserted owing to the fever scare.

Municipal 5 per cent. Loan is ¼ per cent. higher at 133¾. Port Trust Bonds have declined ¼ per cent. to 112¼.

SHARES.—There has been very little doing in this market during the past week, and prices generally have shown but little movement. In Mill Scrip the changes in prices have been on the whole more favourable to buyers; while, on the other hand, in Presses and Miscellaneous Shares sellers have been favoured. Compared with last Friday's quotations our list this evening discloses a decline of Rs. 100, in Mahaluxmee; of Rs. 95, in National; of Rs. 90, in Hyderabad; of Rs. 50 each in New Great Eastern; of Rs. 30, in Alliance; of Rs. 25 each, in Britannia and Khandeish; of Rs. 10 each, in Oriental and Western India; and of Rs. 2½ each in Jamshed and Mazagon. While on the other hand Manockjee Petit, have advanced Rs. 67½; Indian Manufacturing, Rs. 60; Queen, Rs. 20; Currimbhoy, David, and Lukmidas, Rs. 15 each; China and Curla, Rs. 10 each; Swadeshi, Rs. 5 each; and Anglo-Indian, Rs. 2; Bombay Flour are Rs. 50 lower, and Delhi and Northern India Flour, and Treacher and Co., Rs. 5 each. In Presses, Fort Press are Rs. 25 lower; and French, and New Berar, Rs. 10 each, in Railways, Ahmedabad Prantij have advanced Rs. 2½; and Tapti Valley, Re. 1¼.

IMPORTS.

PIECE GOODS.—A very small business has been reported this week in staple *Grey Goods*. Upcountry buyers do not purchase freely, but confine their operations to meeting their small present requirements. Bazaar dealers (some of whom are closing their shops and leaving Bombay for a time owing to the prevailing epidemic) are selling freely at current rates, and, in some cases, they are accepting a small reduction in rates. Stocks are the same as before. In *Bleached Dyed Turkey Red*, and *Printed Goods* a very small business has taken place, and rates are ruling in buyers' favour; and the same remark applies to *Locally-made* Goods. The Clearances of *Imported Goods* from the Bazaar this week amount to about 2,000 packages; and of *Local* to some 900 bales.

YARNS.—The market for *Imported Twist* has been dull with little business reported; but prices are all unchanged. Sales of *Local Spinnings* in China for the fortnight ending on last Tuesday amounted to 13,000 bales; meantime the rates of exchange in China on Bombay have given way. The business done here during the past week has been a large one, owing to a reduction of ¼ anna per lb. accepted by spinners, and rates are that much lower as compared with those which rated a week ago. The market closed quiet at the subjoined official quotations, the week's Sales having amounted to about 10,000 bales.

Twist	No. 6s Mule,	As. 4¼	to 4 5-8	per lb.
"	8s "	" 4½	" 4¾	"
"	10s "	" 4¾	" 5¼	"
"	12s "	" 5	" 5½	"
"	16s "	" 5½	" 6¼	"
"	20s "	" 6	" 6¾	"
"	24s "	" 6¾	" 7	"
"	30s "	" 7¼	" 7¾	"
"	40s "	" 8	" 8¾	"

METALS.—A moderate business has been reported in *Copper*, *Yellow Metal*, and *Iron*. The price of *Yellow Metal* has declined 4 as. per cwt.; but the other descriptions are unchanged in value, the feeling being steady for all.

COAL.—Very little business has been done this week in this mineral. Some ready *Seetpore-Bengal* was sold at from Rs. 11 3/8 to Rs. 11¼ per ton, which is about all that has transpired. This market will be closed from the 24th instant to the 3rd proximo, both days inclusive, for the Christmas and New Year holidays. We quote alongside:—

Welsh Hartley	...	*nil.*
West "	...	*nil.*
Australian ...	...	*nil*
Powell's Duffryn	...	Rs. 21 1-2 per ton
Cardiff...	...	" 21 "
Japan ...	...	*nil* "
Singareni	...	" 13" "
Seebpore	...	" 11½ *(By. delivery)*
Sanctoria	...	" 12 1-2 "

EXPORTS.

COTTON.—With the exception of some considerable purchases of ready new stuff in the middle of this week by local spinners, business in this staple has been very slack, and on several days in the earlier part of the period under notice, prices declined Rs. 2 to 3 per candy, all round, in a dull market, though latterly the feeling has become steadier again, without any further movement in rates. The week's purchases by exporters sum up about 3,000 bales of new Oomrawuttee descriptions, Bengal, and Kurrachee; while the Mills have taken some 5,000 bales of the same kinds, except Kurrachee, and a little old Oomras and Dholleras-Bhownuggur. This evening the market closed steady, a moderate business having done to-day, and prices leaving off Rs. 6 to Rs. 8 per candy lower than they were a week ago.

The Receipts of Cotton of the new crop into Bombay during the past week have been 39,500 bales, compared with 33,000 bales to hand in the week preceding, and 58,500 bales in the corresponding period last season; the falling off in arrivals of new Cotton this season, compared with last, having been 133,000 bales.

The official telegraphic weather and crop reports received from the districts on Monday advised nothing fresh to speak of regarding Cotton, which is being harvested in the Bengal and Oomrawattee circles in bright, seasonable weather; while at Broach picking had commenced, and arrivals were expected early. In the Dhollera circle, the plants were flourishing at Bhownugger, and at Dhollera, being in flower in the latter district; while at Wadhwan they were showing bolls rapidly ripening, crop prospect in this district being much improved. At Hubli, in the Dharwar circle, the Cotton plants were flourishing and in flower.

Yesterday's official reports conveyed no information to speak of beyond that chronicled above, the position of the Cotton crop being unchanged in all the circles since the beginning of the week; though advices from Bellary stated that later sowings in that district had somewhat improved.

The following are to-day's quotations for fully-pressed Cotton with the equivalents in sterling, cost, and freight to Liverpool, via Canal, without Commission, viz.:—

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Bengal, Fine	January	Rs.	156—31-16d.
Do. Fully Good	do	"	148—2 15-16d.
Do. Good	do	"	139—2 25-32d.
Khandesh, Fully Good	January	"	159—3 3-32d.
Oomra, Fully Good	do	"	171—3 9-32d.
Dholera, Fine	May	"	190—3 23-32d.
Do. Fully Good	do	"	180—3 9-16d.
Do. Good	do	"	174—3 15-32d.
Broach, Fine	March	"	201—3 19-16d.
Do. Good	do	"	193—3 25-32d.

The arrivals of New Crop Cotton into Bombay, this season, as compared with last are as follows:—

	Season. 1896-97. F. P. Bales.	Season. 1895-96. F. P. Bales.
Bengals	75,000	108,000
Berar	42,000	105,500
Khandeish	41,000	81,500
Hingughat	2,000	4,500
	160,500	299,500

The movements of Cotton to date show the following comparison with the previous two years:—

Receipts.	1896. Bales.	1895. Bales.	1894. Bales.
For the week	43,893	61,284	23,919
From 1st Jan. to 17th December	1,871,201	1,794,383	1,613,377
Clearances to Great Britain and Continent.			
For the week	8,642	15,123	7
From 1st Jan. to 17th December	753,937	693,471	785,947
Clearances to Calcutta, China, Japan, &c.			
For the week	1,630	9,820	1,173
From 1st Jan. to 17th December	337,246	168,619	156,991

WHEAT.—The position of this staple export is quite unchanged. Arrivals have been upon a very small scale, and only a moderate business has been reported for shippers' account; the tone of the market, however, having remained steady, and prices all unaltered as follows:—

White Pessy, 91 per cent.	Rs.	6 4 0	per cwt.
Do, 85	"	6 3 3	"
No. 1 Club Delhi	"	6 3 9	"
Red Delhi	"	6 0 0	"
Hard Yellow	"	6 6 0	"
Red Ahmedabad	"	5 15 0	"
Hard Red	"	6 1 0	"

SEEDS also are in small supply generally, and have been taken to a limited extent for export, the feeling in this market also having been steady, and prices without movement except in the case of *Gingelly*, which has latterly declined 8 annas per candy. We quote this evening:—

Linseed	Rs. 6 9 0	to Rs. 6 11 0	per cwt.
Rapeseed Yellow Guzerat	" 7 13 0	" 7 15 0	"
Do. do. Cawapore	" 7 9 0	" 7 11 0	"
Do. Red do.	" 6 13 0	" 6 15 0	"
Gingelly, White	" 44 0 0	" 45 0 0	per candy
Do. Mixed	" 42 0 0	" 43 0 0	"

The Comparative Imports of Wheat and Seeds are as follows:—

	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.
Wheat for the week	8,786	56,474	56,914
Do. from 1st Jan. to 17th December	3,848,295	4,857,018	3,530,147
Linseed for the week	6,563	9,655	22,741
Do. from 1st Jan. to 17th December	3,467,794	2,704,484	5,308,133
Rapeseed for the week	3,532	1,529	20,075
Do. from 1st Jan. to 17th December	1,236,949	2,095,510	3,409,501
Gingelly seed for the week	14,393	48,785	116,592
Do. from 1st Jan. to 17th December	1,160,700	1,388,811	1,238,434

The Clearances of Wheat and Seeds to Great Britain and Continent are as follows:—

	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.
Wheat for the week	...	3,536	...
Do. from 1st Jan. to 17th December	1,429,572	2,476,217	1,555,048
Linseed for the week	22,058	28,409	2,001
Do. from 1st Jan. to 17th December	3,212,956	2,620,787	5,309,780
Rapeseed for the week	69,359	5,999	...
Do. from 1st Jan. to 17th December	1,488,530	1,814,833	3,233,294
Gingellyseed for the week.	8,039	29,174	...
Do. from 1st Jan. to 17th December	1,181,796	1,341,302	1,023,803

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OVERLAND SUMMARY.
(Compiled for despatch by the Weekly Mail to Europe.)

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GODHRA-RUTLAM NAGDA RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for week ended 7th November, 1896, on 140·57 Miles open.

	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings [estimated.]	Total Earnings.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total traffic for the week	3,000	7,900	20	10,920
Or per mile of Railway	22	56	...	78
For previous 18 weeks of half-year.	59,411	1,92,195	2,575	2,54,181
Total for 19 weeks...	62,411	2,00,095	2,565	2,65,101
Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year	4,002	15,411	29	19,462
Per mile of Ry. do.	35	134	...	169
Total to corresponding date do.	57,566	1,63,009	1,211	2,21,786

Decrease for the week ..... Rs. 8,512
Increase to

TELEGRAMS.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

SHARP EARTHQUAKE IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

A sharp shock of earthquake was experienced, yesterday, throughout the Central, Southern, and Western counties of England, and also in the suburbs of London.

The shocks were m ost serious at Hereford, where the Cathedral and Railway station, besides many houses, were damaged.

THE PORTE AND THE POWERS.

The *Daily News'* correspondent at Constantinople says that it is understood there that the Powers intend to coerce the Sultan in the matter of granting the promised reforms.

THE AMBASSADORS WILL DEMAND THEIR PASSPORTS.

The *Daily News* publishes a telegram from Vienna, which states that in the event of the Sultan refusing to grant the reforms, the Ambassadors of the Powers will demand their passports.

END OF THE HAMBURG STRIKE.

BERLIN, Dec. 18.

The strike of the dock labourers at Hamburg has practically collapsed.

GERMAN MISSION TO CHINA AND JAPAN.

The German Commercial Mission starts for China and Japan at the end of January; it will consist of nine or ten members, chiefly representing the textile industries.

THE MAILS.

SUEZ, Dec. 18.

The P. and O. Co.'s s. s. Waleita, with English mails of the 11th inst., left here at 11-30 p.m., yesterday.

BOMBAY COMMAND ORDERS.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

POONA, Dec. 18.

Captain Pinney, Royal Fusiliers, having been appointed Deputy Assistant Ajutant-General on the establishment of the Bourbay Command, is posted to Quetta District.

With reference to para. 5, Clause 34, India Army Circulars, dated March 1896, the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces is pleased to make the following appointment :—Captain Edwardes, A.S.O., Wing Officer, 2nd Bombay Grenadiers, to be Assistant Recruiting Officer for Nassirabad Centre.

Lieutenant-Colonel H. H. Hart, Royal Engineers, on transfer from office of the Chief Engineer, Military Works, Bombay Command, resumed charge of Poona Division, Military Works.

Major Turner-Jones, R.E., on making over charge of the Mhow Division, Military Works, to Major Barnet, Royal Engineers, will rejoin the Poona Division, Military works.

Military Works Department.—Captain Edzell, Royal Engineers, on return from duty in England, is posted to Karachi division, Military Works.

Second-Lieutenant Heath, Royal Engineers, attached Officer, Poona Division, Military Works, is transferred to Public Works Department.

The undermentioned officers are qualified for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant :—Second-Lieutenants Dawson, Wilson, and Gardiner, 2nd South Lancashire Regiment.

Under instructions received from War Office, it is notified that Major Taylor, No. 8, Company Eastern Division, has been transferred to the 35th Field Battery, Royal Artillery.

Lieutenant Bullen, No. 11 Company, Western Division, Royal Artillery, has been appointed to No. 5, Mountain Battery, Royal Artillery.

The undermentioned are reported to have passed the required examination in the following language, viz :—

Urdu Higher Standard—Lieutenant Donovan, Royal Artillery ; Lieutenant Bruce, 1st Bengal Royal Fusiliers ; Surgeon-Lieutenant Hootan, Indian Medical Service ; and Lieutenant Beckford, Royal West Surrey Regiment (attached 4th Bo. Rifles).

Urdu Lower Standard—Lieutenant. Wellesley, Royal Horse Artillery ; Lieutenant Gervers, Royal Engineers ; 2nd-Lieutenant Macpherson, Unattached List (attached to Durham Light Infantry) ; Surgeon-Captain Jones, Army Medical Staff.

Persian Higher Standard—Lieutenant Andrew, 1st Lancers, Hyderabad Contingent.

Pushtu Lower Standard.—Lieutenant Chitty, 26th Bo. Infantry ; and Lieutenant Barrett, 26th Bombay Infantry.

The undermentioned officer is granted leave to proceed out of India, on private affairs, under the leave rules for the Staff Corps, the specified period to count from the date of being struck off duty :—Lieutenant Anderson, Squadron Officer, 3rd Bombay Light Cavalry, for one year (pension Service sixth year commenced 10th October 1896).

The undermentioned officer is granted leave to proceed out of India, on medical certificate, under the leave rules for the Staff Corps, such leave to have effect in India from the date of being struck off duty till the date of sailing, the specific period to count from date of leaving India:—Surgeon-Lieutenant Moore, Indian Medical Service, Officiating in Medial Charge, 1st Bombay Grenadiers, for six months (pension Service third year commenced 28th July 1896).

The undermentioned officer has been granted leave to proceed out of India, on private affairs:—Captain Tritton, Staff Corps, Wing Officer, 25th Bombay Rifles, for four months (pension service seventeenth year commenced 17th April 1896).

SUSPICIOUS DEATH OF A YOUNG LADY.

THE BODY EXHUMED.

SECUNDERABAD, Dec. 18.

An unfortunate incident has cropped up in Hyderabad. Mrs. Whittaker, a young lady, aged 22, died on Wednesday evening, at the house of Mr. Templeton, the local agent of Messrs. Henry S. King and Company, where she was living for the last ten months. She was buried under the usual rites the following morning, but the Residency authorities having been suspicious of the cause of the death, the body was exhumed yesterday afternoon, and a special Medical Board held the *post-mortem* at the Residency Hospital, this morning, the result of which has been kept confidential.

As it is, this evening, a official private enquiry was held by Mr. Josh, the Residency Magistrate, who declined to admit even pleaders, representing Mr. and Mrs. Templeton. Surgeon-Captain Hehir gave evidence at length, while Mr. Crawford, Superintendent, Secunderabad Police, watched the proceedings. The gravest concern is centred in the affair.

THE COLLECTOR OF SHOLAPUR.

[FROM THE PRESIDENT, PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION.]

SHOLAPUR, Dec. 18.

Mr. Deshmukh, the Collector of Sholapur, has been suddenly transferred to Kanara. Great surprise, regret, and indignation has been expressed.

The People's Association hastily met and wired to Government the following prayer:—"General public meeting this evening to protest ; learn with deepest regret and surprise that Mr. Deshmukh, Collector, Sholapur, is ordered to Kanara. No officer knows our condition and requirements better. His presence at this critical time of deepening distress alone inspires confidence, and relief measures he is organising with unsparing zeal and unique knowledge of the district guarantee to us that everything humanly possible will be done to mitigate the suffering. His transfer is an irreparable loss to the district and a public misfortune. On behalf of Sholapur city and district, we beg most earnestly to beseech Government to reconsider orders."

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

SINGAPORE, Dec. 17.

The Austrian Lloyd's s. s. Gisela, from Kobe, left for Bombay, this evening.

COLOMBO, Dec. 18.

The P. and O. Co.'s s. s. Ravenna, with China mails, left here, for Bombay, at 5-30 a.m., to-day, and may be expected to arrive on Monday, daylight.

The P. and O. Co.'s s. s. Baltasar, with homeward Australian mails, left here at 6-30 a.m., to-day.

The P. and O. Co.'s s. s. Nubia, from Calcutta, left here, for Suez, at 11 p.m., yesterday.

HONGKONG, Dec. 17.

The P. and O. Co.'s s. s. Robilla left here this afternoon.

SINGAPORE, Dec. 15.

The P. and O. Co.'s s. s. Bombay left here, for Bombay, to-day, afternoon, and may be expected to arrive, at 4 p.m., on Friday, the 25th inst.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, Dec. 17.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed quiet. Surats quiet.

Good Dholleras	3 17-32

The Manchester Market has been quiet but steady.

2½ per cent. Consols	111
3 per cents. Rentes	102¼ ex.
3½ per cent. Sterling Loan	101
3½ per cent. Rupee Paper	92½
Bar Silver	30

The Bank of England returns for the week ending, yesterday, show the following results:—Total Bullion, £30,300,000 ; Decrease, £300,000 ; Public Deposits, £6,300,000 ; Increase, £200,000 ; Other Deposits, £42,200,000 ; Decrease, £300,000 ; Other Securities, £37,100,000 ; Increase, £900,000 ; Notes and Gold, £20,000,000 ; Decrease, £600,000. The Bank's Reserve is 53 per cent. of the Liabilities.

GAZETTE OF INDIA NOTIFICATIONS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, Dec. 18.

Home Department.—The Hon'ble J. Adams is permitted to resign the Service.

The services of Surgeon-Captain Melville are placed permanently at the disposal of the Government of the N.-W. P., in the Department of Revenue and Agriculture.

Mr. A. F. Gradon is reappointed Instructor, Forest School, Dehra Dun.

The following are the names of Governor's appointed to represent India on the Governing Body, Imperial Institute, for the year ending July, 1897 :—Sir Henry Thuilliers ; Sir Charles Elliott ; Sir Charles Crosthwaite ; Sir Raymond West ; Sir Steuart Bayley ; D. F. Carmichael Badenpowell ; General Hopkinson ; Colonel Powlett ; P. Macfadgen ; James Duncan ; W. B. Jameson ; D. Cruikshank ; Dadabhai Naoroji ; and Sir W. Wedderburn.

Foreign Department.—Lieutenant Peart is appointed to officiate as Wing Officer, Bhopal Battalion.

Captain Cookson is appointed Inspecting Officer, Rajputana and N.-W. P. Imperial Service Cavalry and Transport.

Lieutenant Capper is granted leave out of India for one year.

Captain Bailey is appointed Assistant Inspecting Officer, Rajputana and N.-W. Provinces Imperial Service Cavalry and Transport.

Finance and Commerce Department.—Mr. Cowley is appointed Deputy Accountant-General, Punjab.

Mr. Majumdar is appointed Assistant Accountant-General, N.-W. Provinces.

Mr. A. W. Fanshawe, Director-General, Post Offices, is placed on special duty with effect from the 12th December. Mr. Kish will act for him.

Mr. Stewart-Wilson will act as Post-Master-General, Bengal.

Mr. W. J. Ham will act as P. M. G., N.-W. P.

Military Department—The following officers in the Military Accounts Department received promotion :—Captain Harrison and Henderson, and Lieutenant Bruce.

Captain Cooke is confirmed as Cadgance Officer, 4th Class.

Lieutenant Greenhill Gardine Gordon, of the Highlanders, is appointed Extra Aid-de-Camp on the Viceroy's Staff.

Lieutenant Hodgkinson is admitted to the Staff Corps.

Second-Lieutenant Hardie, I.S.C., is posted to Bombay Command.

Major Jennings, R.E., is promoted Executive Engineer, 2nd Grade.

The following officers on the Engineer Establishment, M. W. D. receive promotion :—Major Blunt and Captains Russell, Dixon, Nanton, Tilley, and Tandy.

Public Works Department.—Captain Bonham Carter, R. E., transferred to the Imperial Revenue Establishment.

State Railways.—The services of Mr. F. Furnwall are placed at the disposal of the Director-General of Railways.

PASSENGERS BY THE HOMEWARD MAIL.

THE P. and O. S. N. Co.'s s. s. Thames, Captain W. J. Nantes, will sail, to-day, for London, Brindisi, Gibraltar and Aden, with the English mails and the following passengers :—

FOR LONDON.

Downer, Mr J M R N
De Mynne, Mr A L
Jacques, Lt T A

FOR BRINDISI.

Freze, Mr A
Palmer, Mr and Mrs Geo

FOR GIBRALTAR.—Carvalho, Lt-Col F M and son.

FOR ADEN.

DaSilva, Miss	Jetha Jadowjee, Mr
DaSilva, Mr J	Kustiel, Mr
DaSilva, Mr J	Mitchell, Mrs A J and infant
DaSilva, Mr G J	Martin, Dr O
Gopaljee, Mr J J and child	2 brothers Singh, Mr R
	Virjee Canjee, Mr. and Miss.

The following passages have been engaged :—

Per s s Coromandel, 26th December, 1896.

For Brindisi—Mrs Pollock, Mr J Macpherson, and Mr F A Carson.

Per s. s. Carthage, 2nd January, 1897.

For London—Mr J Harwood.

Per s s Oriental, 9th January, 1897.

For London—Mr. R. G. Currie, Lieut C R Bradshaw, Mr Lillingston, and Mr C Potter.

Per s s Caledonia, 23rd January, 1897.

For Marseilles—Mrs Jeffrey and infant, Mr and Mrs H Douglas Watson, Miss Burrowes, Mr and Mrs C Hall and infant, Mr and Mrs G F Bennett and child, Mrs Mayan, child and infant, Mr and Mrs H C Dutt and child, Mr and Mrs A J King, and Mr G D Kerr.

Per s s Peninsular, 6th February, 1897.

For London—Lieut-Col F de C Mbade, Mrs Meade, Sister Elizabeth, Mrs Tressider, Mr Tressider, Mrs Fearnside and two infants, Miss Combe, Mrs Heenan and child, Mrs J Carter, child, and infant, Mrs Humphries and infant, and Rev and Mrs W Soper, child and infant

For Marseilles—Mrs R Wordsworth and child, Rev W Nichols, 3 children and infant, Mrs Austin, and Mr E Oakley.

Per s s Shannon, 13th February, 1897.

For London—Mr A B King.

Per s s India, 20th February, 1897.

For Marseilles—Mrs E Barnes, Mr Drakeford, Mr W S Caine, M.P., Mr and Mrs H W L Sawson, Mr C Brinton, Mrs Gittens, Rev and Mrs B Lucas, Mr Simson, Mr and Mrs Morgan, Rev W Hunt Soper, Mrs Soper, child and infant, Rev W Kitchin, Mrs Kitchin, 2 children and infant, Mr and Mrs Scaramanga, Mr G Reymer, Mr and Mrs Morgan, Surg-Capt G H Frost, Mrs Mrs and Miss J Parker Smith, Miss Williamson, Rev W Oakvin, Mr and Mrs T O B Norman, child and 3 infants, Mr and Mrs Tattersall, Major C H Colott, Mr Hart Davies, Mrs R H Sandison, Mr E L Hamilton, Mrs Piercy, Mr D Miller, Mr Arbuthnot, Mr M Kolway Bamber, Mr R D Nowing, Mr N D Allbless, Mr M Eade, and Lieut-General Stansfield.

Per s s Carthage, 27th February, 1897.

For London—Mr and Mrs A Symington and child.

Per s. s. Caledonia, 6th March, 1897.

For London—Mr and Mrs C F Campbell, Mr J N Atkinson, Mrs H A Vincent, Mr H Moberley, Surg-Col H Caldecott, Mr Gregory, Lieut-Col and Mrs J F Miller, Mr and Mrs G W F Buckland, Mrs Priestly, 2 children and infant, Gesera, G S Montgomery, Mr and Mrs Montgomery, Mrs Tisdall and child, Mr R Brown, Mrs Nicholls, 2 children and infant Mrs Ramsay and child, Mr W S Sullivan, Mrs Crudgington and two boys, Miss Gange, Capt and Mrs C F Pearson, Rev and Mrs W Richson, 2 children and infant, Mrs F W Gooch and 2 infants, Mrs Beeching, Miss Tuting, two Misses Clark, and Mrs H P Dinmock and infant.

Per s.s. Shannon, 13th March, 1897.

For London—Mr and Mrs Toussaint, and Mr F Gisham, child and infant.

Per s. s. Australia, 20th March, 1897.

For Marseilles—Mr and Mrs W R Partridge, infant and two children, Mrs Partridge's nurse, Miss A Trewby, Mr and Mrs Emerson, Miss Kilburn, Surg-Capt and Mrs Roberts, Rev R R Scott, Hon Mr and Mrs Bourdillon, child and infant, Mr and Mrs R G Young, child and infant, Mrs Campbell, Mrs Lambert and infant, Miss Hosart Hampden, Major and Mrs H Aspinall, Mr H M Stuart, Mrs F C Anderson and child, Lieut-General and Mrs W and Lady Lockhart, Major and Mrs E Hogan and infant, Mr and Mrs H E Haddon and infant, Col and Mrs C F Harwood, Mrs Treasararo, Mrs Miller, Miss Cunliffe, Miss Joy, Mr J R Bertram, General and Mrs Webb, Mr and Mrs R M Thomson and infant, Mr and Mrs J C Davis, Miss A Mathew, Capt C Haldane, Miss Robb, Miss Bewley, Mr J Higginson, Miss Arnold, Mr and Mrs J Kocles, Mr J C S Lawrence and 3 children, Mr and Mrs J Saunders and 2 children, Mrs E J Phipps Hornby, Mrs Norman's two children, Mr and Mrs A S Parnett, Mrs J Wilcocks, Miss Martin, Mr F Hosking, Mrs Jackson, Sir Ward and Lady Hudson, Miss Owen, Mrs L Grierson, Lieut W C Symon, Capt and Mrs Killett, Mrs Hammete, Mr Ashlin, Miss Irving, Mr R P Ashton, Mr H B Rose, and Mr and Mrs F J Armfield.

For Brindisi—Mr and Mrs M L H Gale.

For Marseilles—Mr and Mrs Hobart Hampden, Mr A Walker, and Mr R Botelor.

Per s.s. India, 3rd April, 1897.

For London—Rev and Mrs R H Brandon, Mrs Lodge and two children, Col V E and Mrs Low, Mr and Mrs W L Cameron, child and infant, Surg-Major E W Reilly, Mrs F H Kell, and child, Capt M Thomson, Miss Thomson, Rev and Mrs J G Brown, 2 children and 2 infants, Mrs T W Haig, child and infant, Mr G T Wyvald, Mr G J Jackson, Mrs Jackson, Miss Jackson, Master Jackson, Mr and Mrs G A Stagg, infant and 2 children, Major and Mrs H F Cadell and child Sir W and Lady Eastigan, Mr R Leslie, Mrs Marshall, 2 Misses Fenton, 2 Masters Fenton, Mr and Mrs W Renfont, Mr R Mager, Mr J R Thomson, Mr A H Giles, Mrs A M Macleod and infant, Mrs D G L Worsabet, Mrs Green and child, Mrs Sullivan, Mr and Mrs F C Spence, Mrs Mackenzie and 2 children, Mr and Mrs L Porter, Surg-Lieut-Col and Mrs A R Stewart, Mrs Henderson, two children and infant, Mrs Aberley and two children, Mr and Mrs Findon, Lieut-Col D Macpherson, Major and Mrs H Drummond, Mrs F J Anderson and child, Mr and Mrs Smith, Rev Dr D Revi and child, Mr and Mrs Osborne and 3 children, and Mr J Miller.

For Marseilles—Mrs Phipps.

Per s.s. Shannon, 10th April, 1897.

For London—Mr W Bignil

Per s.s. Peninsular, 17th April, 1897.

For London—Capt J M Burn, Mr H A D Innes, Mr and Mrs H G Keene and child, Mr R Sharp, Mr C Gilbert Rogers Mr and Mrs J De C Hobsont and child, Miss Sotuy, Capt Young, and Capt and Mrs Ryall and child.

A SECOND-HAND bookseller at Frankfort offers in his recently issued catalogue, under the number 9282, "Deutsche Gedenkblatter, 1870-1871" (German memorial leaves), published for the benefit of the funds of the Patriotic Women's Aid Society. The price is twenty marks. The volume so offered for sale is, our Berlin Correspondent says, the copy which the late Empress Augusta sent to Queen Victoria as a present, and bears the following dedication written by the Empress : "To my dear Victoria, from her faithful sister, cousin, and friend, Augusta."

IT would seem that the force of education could no further go when you find, as at Boustan, an academy for "gentlemen's gentlemen." Its object is to train a man-servant how to wait and valet after the most approved English fashion. There are thirty-two pupils in the academy at present, the majority of whom have been placed there by their masters.

SPEAKING at Birmingham Lord Dudley had to admit that the late Education Bill was a failure. He did it in these terms :—"It was no use disguising the fact that they had to admit that it was not altogether a success." This sentence steats such a complication of acute rhetorical diseases that it is impossible to give it a name from the books. To say that it is a bad case of periphrasis is to do but scant justice to its extreme gravity. It accounts for much that has hitherto seemed inexplicable in its gifted author's career.

NOTES FROM LONDON.

[FROM OUR LADY CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, Nov. 27.

"TIME flies !—so, we impute to month and year
A motion that is ours ; we go, not time ;
And ere long 'twixt sepulchral slab and shrine
We shall be lying."

Translated by E. H. from Ronsard.

There was a report in some newspapers lately of a series of Shakspearian per'ormances which the critic said with brutal conviction were enough to have made the author turn in his grave. This—he went on to say—would be a good opportunity for deciding the long-debated question whether it was really Shakspeare or Bacon who wrote the plays. An examination of the remains of the two men who are put forward as claimants to the authorship would decide the fact at once and for ever. He who remained unmoved in his coffin during the performances has no claim to be considered the playwright.

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There is a different work by another writer whose right to be regarded as the author has been even longer disputed than the Shakspeare-Bacon plays claim. This week an opportunity occurred of deciding the authorship by the same rude test. In the case of Earl Russell versus Maria Selina Elizabeth Lady Scott mention was made of a gift in the early days of their acquaintance from Earl Russell to his mother-in-law, "His dear Bo" as she was then affectionately styled, of Thomas a Kempis's "Imitation of Christ." If, under the circumstances, the bones of the blessed Thomas did not create commotion in the crypt or mausoleum where they are laid, then Thomas a Kempis too must take his place among the pious frauds—for it would have made any self-respecting saint turn in his coffin to find his works in such queer, if not questionable, company.

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The appreciation of Thomas a Kempis as a spiritual adviser is no guarantee apparently against matrimonial mistakes, and subsequent visits to the law courts. We want some stronger, fiercer preacher—some new Savonarola to make men and women realize the obligations they contract in marriage, not only to each other, but to the community at large, which naturally must be demoralized by these constantly recurring discreditable scenes in the law courts. Thomas a Kempis; and his followers would prescribe for engaged couples a retreat from the world and from each other for a week or a fortnight before marriage. Undoubtedly many cases of incompatibility might be foreseen and prevented if bride and bridegroom elect were given a silent fortnight to muse on each other's virtues and shortcomings. A case in point I remember occurring some years ago when a pious but cantankerous Catholic briedegroom elect after his fifteen days' retreat backed out of his engagement, and saved his fiancee, at the expense of a painful but curable wound to her pride, from a life of endless torture from his jealousies and eccentricities. Who can measure how cruelly kind fate is to the jilted ?

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Still every day sees couples jocundly putting on the golden fetters that, if they were to judge by the subject lessons in the divorce courts, are hardly fitted on when they gall and fret the wearers cruelly. There is such fascination in the idea of a lovely trousseau, in a shower of wedding gifts, in a triumphal procesion through a crowd of admiring friends and acquaintances to the music of Mendelssohn, that the necessary qualifications for acting Darby and Joan to one another for life are sometimes forgotten or very little considered ; and couples are tied together by a few empty words in hard knots that can only be undone by plunging into more irreparable and disastrous mistakes.

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Even if one is impressed with the follies disclosed every day in the courts one cannot help looking with pleasure at a pretty wedding. A great crowd gathered yesterday at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, to see Miss Evelyn Wilson Patten married to Major the Hon'ble Charles Harbord, of the Scots guards. The bride is the second daughter of the Marchioness of Headfort and the late Captain Wilson Patten, 1st Life Guards. Every thing was arranged admirably. The church was adorned with white flowers and foliage. There were seven bridesmaids in ivory satin frocks, with exquisitely embroidered bolero jackets over soft white chiffon bodices. Their hats of bright red with black plumes made a striking note of colour in the procession. Two little pages in white satin breeches and full chiffon shirts accompanied the bride, whose dress was severely simple, but rich Ivory *duchesse* satin with no trimming except a Brussel's lace collar and a garland of orange blossoms round the waist and falling to the feet. The Marchioness of Headfort held a reception after the ceremony at her town house in Wilton place, where some of the presents were on view. Her Majesty the Queen sent the bridegroom a handsome centre piece. The Prince of Wales gave him a Sheraton side board and old English clock, and Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne two other beautiful and useful pieces of furniture, a writing table and a book case.

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"Junius" who writes in the *Torch*, says, apropos of wedding presents, that West End jewellers can divulge strange secrets concerning them. He says that numbers of people hire expensive gifts, so that the display they make on the wedding day is enough to cause rival *fiancees* to go green with envy. In the same way bogus cheques and hired bank notes are displayed, that is to say, an obliging relative writes out a cheque for two or three thousand pounds, and then in an end of the affair the wedding is over the cheque is returned, or torn to pieces. This is a transaction which can only be recommended between particularly honest relatives. The man who lends a note for five hundred pounds—which looks well in a list of gifts by the way—must be of a very confiding disposition. The silversmith from whom this information comes says that a regular agreement is made between customers and tradespeople respecting wedding presents, whereby duplicates can be sold back to the firm. One business house turns over quite a respectable sum every year as the result of obliging transactions of this kind. Of course supposing a salad bowl to have cost £5, when it is returned it will not bring anything like that sum ; but as it is just as good as ever it was, the silversmith is not the loser.

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The Stanley show of cycles and accessories now on at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, has introduced some useful novelties to the wheeling public. A lamp that burns petroleum safely and gives a better light the faster the cyclist goes, is a decided advantage. The difficulty of getting colza oil to refill has been experienced constantly by cyclists in country places. This is in itself a valuable recommendation. Then the inventor claims that it gives six times as much light as any other cycle lamp, that it works perfectly in all weathers, that it is more easily lighted, and that it is at the start just as cheap to buy and in the long run cheaper to keep going. Nothing is said of the smell, but as the cycle lamp at present is odoriferous in its own way the cyclist will not complain if in other points the new lamp be superior.

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Another item of the cyclist's outfit, the bell, is being displaced by a whistle which is guaranteed to produce 1,000 different effects from various muffled tones up to a great swelling booming, two-mile piercing note which truly earns for the whistle the name of "surprise" given to it. Wheelmen, the maker says, will find it a magnificent road clearer. Though the cyclist objects as much as anyone else to make himself or herself obnoxious, it is sometimes necessary for self-protection as well as for the safety of the public. Only those who ride on the public highways realize how absolutely careless the average foot-passenger is of where he is going, if he is not personally conducted by a policeman. For all the use people make of their eyes to look out to right or to left before crossing the road. They may as well have been born blind. This is more especially the case with men. Women, young and old, are generally wide-awake ; and the older they are, or the more hampered with bundles or babies, the more they wisely realise the need of caution in crossing the pavements. Women are also either very sympathetic to the cyclist—willing to wait or to rush across according to the rider's convenience—or very antipathetic ; in which case they stalk slowly and defiantly along regardless of the "ting-ting" of the bell and of the fact that in a collision, the cyclist is usually shot off clear while the foot-passenger and the cycle come to grief together.

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The greatest trouble of the conscientious rider—and there are such in spite of the widespread opinion that the cyclist is the destroying angel foretold to lay low the human race before the end of the world—is the average male foot-passenger—not the small boy, nor the youth, nor so much the young man—these, perhaps from experience, seem to be able to guage the distance between them and the cyclist and to get out of the way in time, or at least they make up their minds to stop or to go confidently. But the steady middle-aged man absorbed, on his way to his office, in his stocks and shares and the sturdy mechanic on his way home from work seem to lose their heads as completely in face of a cycle as if it were a buffalo. They shilly shally until nothing but a rough disregard for their feelings saves the situation. Lame men and cripples, delicate men apparently just risen from sick beds—men with appalling coughs and liable to seizures therefrom any moment in the middle of the highway are also terrible trials to the sensitive cyclist. But the worst of all is the very old man who has frustrated all other human efforts to kill him. He seems to set himself deliberately, like the martyr fanatics before the car of Juggernath, to invite an inquest if there happens to be any innocent cyclist to aid and abet him. A danger signal like the surprise whistle to save one from the anguish of acting as Juggernaut will be a boon do the tender-hearted cyclist, though it may be a trial to the ears of the general public.

MEN AND MATTERS IN THE WORLD OF SPORT.

THERE are times when one must write, and there are times when the ink refuses to flow and the pen to run. There are times, too, when the tongue seems tied, and the brain most sluggishly refuses to do your bidding. These are topics innumerable which may be embraced under the title of the one which heads this article, but the supreme difficulty is out of their very abundance to make a suitable selection. One might write about the plague and the camping of troops upon the open spaces, or, as they have aptly been called, the lungs of the city. This seems to be a reprehensible practice and similar to trying to stop the breathing of a victim asphixiated with asthma or any other pulmonary disease. There is a Utopian scheme of the native population importing *en masse* to some fair spot untainted by the dread monster, but as the Scottie said, "I had me doots," if this will answer, or indeed, if it can beat all carried through. The man, however, at the head of it is stark and dour, and brookes no rebuff at the hands of fate, so if it is to be, it will be, and our military will see that it is so.

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We have had so much of the *mens sana* with the examinations and all that it is refreshing to be able to turn to the *corpus sanum*. The instructors of the Poona Gymnasium, which under the ages of Captain Davidson and Mr. Lewis is the head-quarte s of thews and sinews in our Presidency, gave us a novelty at the Tivoli the other night. It was an excellent idea, bringing down a troupe of trained acrobats and gymnasts, and having a show which combined the *utile cum dulci*.

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To an old frequenter of the Pelican and National Sporting the little bit of scrapping with which the show opened seemed a big puerile. The noble defenders or rather exponents of the art of self-defence tried rather how not to hit one another than to land a real good one on the point. Do you remember that excellent show that the Brothers Horne used to give at the Pavilion and elsewhere, some years ago, that was real good business, and they thumped one another like carpet beaters. The other night, the knock out which, by-the-by was on the chest, and not on the mark, was very deliberate and well-thought-out push, but the noble professor went down before it to the manner borne, I mean he might have been an ex-champion by the way he weakened in the third round. But, enough my friend, when you give us another turn with the gloves be a bit brisker and do hit one another now and then. The old man, who introduced the "unknown," fully entered into the spirit of the thing and took his knock out and consequent back fall at the end of each round most handsomely.

The other part of the show was excellent and the bar and trapeze work distinctly above the average. That India Rubber man was good and seemed to enjoy, placing his head where his toes ought to be and right well he did it too.

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The singing was a bit rocky, but the chorus, "He such a kind good Doctor," caught on and was well caught up. The other patter songs were almost inaudible. Cuningham, of the R. I. R., gave us a rare treat on the fiddle, and were I writing about the Monday Pops I should talk about movements and andantes and allegros and all that sort of patter, but suffice it to say he gave us a real good exhibition of fiddling, which was much appreciated and enjoyed.

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The hunting since I last wrote has been upon the poor side. It is true we had a gallop or so, but the jacks that have been found have been of a most faint-hearted kind and ready to chuck up the sponge at the earliest opportunity. On Sunday, we had a turn from Gundoli, when the hounds got on to a jack, who gave a short spin, but he eventually got into a drain. By-the-by, why did not that "krishun log," who was standing on the drain and pointing out where Jackey had gone, not do a bit of amateur stopping with his own body and we might have had a bit more galopping ; as it was the hounds pulled Jackey out and ate him. The next brute stole away and we never got really on to him at all, and so endeth the first day. On Thursday the work might be described as ending in fire and water as the first Jack was killed after he had sought the sanctuary of a native chawl at Kaleena village and was content to fall a victim to hospitality, killed on the hearthstone, while the second animal found a watery grave in a well, near Marole Tank, and so ended the second day.

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I hope you all went to Pali Hill. It was the "Maddest merriest little party that ever you did see. The events were very well filled, and all the saheb log and the fisher log who lined the top end of the course were on pleasure bent. It has been my lot to attend many Gymkhanas, but I think I may safely say that last Saturday's entertainment was one which was highly approved of by man and beast. Oh Mr. Secretaries, one grouse, and I have done. When next you put up jumps, make them thicker, and don't have a post sticking up in the middle. Being too thin the ponies rush them, and if you catch as one man did the result is that you jump, but on your head. The nomination events went off very well, but there were, I am sorry to say, not a grand lot of mathematicians over there, as nobody was able to do the brick and a-half business right. I took the problem home and with the help of a small book and, big book, representing the bricks, I got the answer 3lbs. which somebody afterwards on change the next day, said was right. Is it Pali Hill "au revoir," but not goodbye," I hope.

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Since there has been a revival of sorts of roller skating, why not have the real imitation thing and start a rink with ice. It would look cool, and I should say be better than tumbling about on wheels. To emphasize my remarks, I annex here a cutting I came across lately about the ice at Stephen's Hall, in London, where it has been a success. It may seem somewhat late in the day to come forward with a material which looks like, but is not in any sense or fire, ice, except that upon it skaters can skate with ordinary skates ; and were it not for one important consideration, the enterprise of the Artificial Ice Syndicate might be considered as superfluous. London skaters may remember how, a few years since, the St. Stephen's Hall at the Westminister Aquarium was laid with a material intended as a substitute for ice, in which capacity it achieved but limited success, and it must be acknowledged that a very remarkable advance has been made in the manipulation of soda salts, so as to produce a hard and durable substance upon which the skater may perform evolutions with ordinary skates. Hand-in-hand skating is also indulged in with the same verisimilitude to what we see on ice, whilst the straightaway skater glides round the hall at a very satisfactory speed. The material itself has all the appearance of real ice, of somewhat curious quality, the actual surface suggesting that a slight thaw was in progress, though it is perfectly dry, as a matter of fact. Upon entering more minutely into the experiences of skaters, one learns that the work of skating is somewhat more laborious than skating on good ice, the run not being so continued. Thus, though a couple of turns can be skated on one foot, that is the limit, continuous figures being out of the question. An unquestioned advantage which the material enjoys is its indifference to temperature, so that skaters may skate in any degree of warmth they please. The only thing that can affect the material is wet, and, once laid down, it lasts a considerable time without renewal—several months, that is. This is the important fact to which allusion has been made, for it is obvious that skaters can be admitted at a moderate fee, and we may even look forward, we are told, to our sixpenny days. The artificial ice can be laid down regardless of extent, and the Syndicate have in view the possibility of attracting the notice of the National Skating Association by means of a quarter-of-a-mile track.

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Here is another extract which so exactly expresses my own views of the latest sporting book of Nat. Gould, that I have no hesitation in making use of it :—"Thoroughly racing from cover to cover is 'The Magpie Jacket,' by Nat. Gould, and the author seems more at home in writing about the turf than in the hunting field. Squire Arden finds that his rents are becoming smaller, and as a means of retrenchment is persuaded by his dashing, young nephew, Eric, to allow his old trainer, Caunton, to train and ride his two promising colts. How he succeeds, and how Primrose wins the Eclipse Stakes and Cannon Ball the Leger for the jovial old Squire, and one more prosperity reigns at Arden Hall, readers of the book must find out. Eric wins the heart of gentle Nora, the upstart manufacturer's daughter, the Squire saves her father from ruin, and Eric comes out as a gentleman jockey by winning the Hunters' Plate, and all ends satisfactorily. The book, though slight, is pleasantly written, and we can recommend it to while away a railway journey on a wet afternoon. The book is published by George Routledge, and will well repay perusal by those who are fond of a real up-to-date sporting novel.

SENEX.

THERE is one place in the Sandringham stables that a writer in *Cassell's Magazine* thinks should be marked with a golden tablet. This is the narrow stairway which leads to the men's dormitories. In the dark days of November 1872, when the Prince lay stricken nigh unto death, and all Britain waited sadly, hoping against hope for the bulletins from Sandringham, in one of these dormitories lay a young stable lad struggling for life with the same fell disease as his royal master. The same doctors attended him, the same remedies were accorded him, as it turned out, in vain. At nine o'clock each morning during the progress of his illness, without pomp, or state, or ceremony, sometimes by herself and sometimes accompanied by the Princess Beatrice, occasionally so quietly that the very men in the yard knew not of her presence, the Princess of Wales went by this tortuous stairway to see the sick lad.

THE BUBONIC FEVER.

THE returns for the twenty-four hours ending yesterday, at 10 a.m., show a decrease in the rate of mortality and an increase in the fresh cases as compared with the previous day. The returns are as follows :—

Wards.	Cases.	Deaths.
A (Fort, and Colaba)	9	1
B (Mandvie)	2	2
C (Bhuleshwar)	23	10
D (Girgaum)	6	2
E (Byculla & Cammatipura)	21	14
F (Parel)	2	0
G (Mahim)	4	0
Hospital	0	3
Total	67	30

From the above table it will be seen that the disease is most prevalent in Bhuleshwar and Cammatipura districts.

The total cases recorded up to date are 1,647, of which 1,160 have proved fatal.

The bakery belonging to Messrs D. Byramji and Co., at Goa Street, Frere Road, which had been ordered to be closed by the Municipal authorities, owing to several cases of bubonic fever, has been allowed to be re-opened by the Municipal authorities, the proprietors having carried out all the necessary sanitary requirements to the satisfaction of the Health Officer.

A sad case of bubonic fever happened at Mody-khana, yesterday. A Parsee lad, about fifteen years of age, fell a prey to the disease. While the funeral obsequeis were being performed, the younger brother, about five years of age, also died from bubonic fever. Two more cases in Parsee families occurred at Frere Road, which is now almost deserted, most of the houses being locked up. There is a general exodus from Bombay from the Grant Road, Bori Bunder, and other stations. The trains are over-crowded, the passengers being huddled together. It is estimated that during the last week more than forty thousand people have left Bombay.

AN ANTIDOTE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—I have read with interest the two letters, signed "M. F. A." and "B. S. Potnis," in your issue of the 16th instant, re the cure for the bubonic plague by Mr. Govind Suryaji, an Inspector in the service of the Bombay Tramway Company, Limited.

In an interview I had with him, Mr. Suryaji informed me that he had already administered his remedy to a great number of people

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Dinshaw M Panthaky, Mr
Doabhai K Patel, Dr
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Dr Shabbir H Hanif, Dr
Ebrahim Ismail Allana, Mr
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Edalji Kavasji, Mr
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Ernest S Stone, Mr
Ghulam Hussain, Rao Saheb
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Framjee Cawasjee Dady Limjee, Mr
Framroze C Jessai, Mr
F E Davar, Dr
Furdoonjee Jamsetjee Furdoonjee Pyshby, Mr
Furdoonjee Merwanjee Banajee, Mr
Gangaji Nikanth Nadkarni, Mr
Gokuldas Narainjee M, Mr
Govind Balaji Kelkar, Dr
Gulamhusen Allana, Mr
Gunnarao Chintoba Tatia, Mr
G M Sathe, Mr
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H B Cooverjee Wallia, Mr
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H N Seervai, Dr
Hajee Cooverji Jamall Vayni, Mr
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Hasanalee Bandhoy, Mr
Hirjeesumtas Narotumdas Mr.
Ismail Jan Mahomed, Dr
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Jeejeebhoy Hirjeejee Patel, Mr
Jeejeebhoy Dinshaw Framjee, Mr
Jehangeer Eduljee Dover, Mr
Jehangeer Jamshedji Modi, Mr
Jamsetjee Cursetjee Dubash Mr
Jamsetjee Furdoonjee, Mr
Jamsetjee Nowrojee Kabraji, Mr
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Kesrisalal Jasandan Mantri, Mr
Khurshedjee Dadabhoy Hormusjee, Mr
Kursetji Edalji Dadachanji, Dr
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Leonowrao Bhaskerjee, Rao Bahadur
Krishnarao Antobs, Mr
Khaja Ahmedji, Dr

UNAVOIDABLY ABSENT.

We are requested to mention that the following gentlemen were unavoidably prevented from attending the Levee:—Major Hutchinson, late R.E., Messrs. J. M. Haven, J. Hawkes, G. C. Plinston, F. H. Brown, V.S, Rodrigues, Dr. K.N. Bahadurji, Captain G. Lund, B.S.V. Corps, Mr. R. Sandeman, Captain Newman, Waymouth, 3rd Gurkha Rifles, Mr. J. Klingelhofer, Messrs. J. Willcocks, S. D. Khote, C. E. Ross, G. O. Dunn, R. P. Brown, Commander W. Chandler, Mr. N. T. Mandlik, Khan Bahadur M. G. Hussain, C.I.E., Messrs. J. C. d'Aguiar, J.P., Somanjee Cursetjee Boundupwalla, Dharamsey Soonderdas, W. Basford, Gordandas Khattau, Muiraj Khatau, Dwarkadas Dharamsey, Messrs. A. Bell, Lt. Col. Bo. Light Horse, Rev. H. W. Nelson, Messrs. C. E. McDonald, E. M. McCausland, Khan Bahadur Dosabhoy Framji, C.S.I., Mr. G. H. McCausland, Major C. K. Hoskyn, R.E., Messrs. Fred Bonner, William Greaves, F. J. Rouse, J. M. Moir, D. A. Khare, Commander G. Wilson, Mr. T. E. Dunsayne, Surgeon-Major F. F. MacCartie, Mr. F. N. Wadia, Captain A. Thomson, Poona Vol Rifles, Mr. Arnold Jenkins, Surgeon-Captain H. Hebbert, Dr. D. A. DeMonte, Messrs. G. Michael, and Edward J. Smith.

CYCLING NOTES.

A LONDON correspondent tells me that he and his wife on a tandem cycle accompanied the motor car procession to Brighton, and were not impressed by the performance of the new vehicles. The cars were scattered along the road at intervals of from one to twenty miles. One car which challenged my correspondent actually attained a speed of about sixteen miles an hour, but when one of its tyres was punctured the car either stopped or slowed down so much that it was never seen again by them. My correspondent does not say which of the cars challenged him, nor does he state whether any other was more successful in outpacing him. Of course if it is true that one of them attained to the rate of 25 miles an hour—or double the legal maximum rate,—my correspondent would have been far in the rear of that speedy car.

A match that created very much interest in racing circles took place recently in Paris between Bauge, a crack French rider, and Palmer, of London. It was the latter's first attempt at racing in professional company, and though beaten he was by no means disgraced. The race was run over a distance of one hundred kilometres. Before fifty kilometres had been covered Palmer, riding in grand style behind pacemakers, left his opponent as though he were standing and gained a lead of six laps. When three-quarters of the distance had been traversed Bauge began to ride magnificently, and completely altered the aspect of affairs. The better Bauge rode the worse Palmer appeared to go until with a fine effort Bauge passed Palmer and regained one of his lost laps. Shortly afterwards Bauge made up all his leeway, and amid tremendous cheering from the excited spectators took the lead in the race, and easily retaining it until the end, won by three laps.

A certain class of racing men are agitating for the recognition of unpaced records by the Records Committee of the National Cyclists Union. They base their claim upon the assumption that a rider unaided by pacemakers will show his true worth more clearly, and also that pacemaking assists materially in causing men to become "makers' amateurs." It must be said in reply, however, that there are already plenty of records on the books, and that the proposed new rule would tend to give strong riders and advantage over fast pedallers. Besides "makers' amateurs" would still have the advantage over their honest brethren who could afford to journey to the fastest tracks in any length of time until the weather and conditions were favourable, whilst the pure (if a really fast one can be found) can only business permits.

brothers Chess have lowered the world's records from six to ten miles. At this rate look upon record-breaking as an all-the-d pastime.

tails of Michaels wonderful five miles ride he at New Orleans are just to hand. It s meeting promoted by the League of Wheelmen, and the officials of that body nsible for the checking and timing, so gures may be trusted. When the ride retty stiff breeze was blowing along the it seemed anything but a day for st before the first mile had been e pacing relay got a little too far ahead, but Weldman fast made up the ground, and ds everything went smoothly. He mile in 1 min. 45-2-5sec., and two min. 38 2-5sec. On he sped, increasing the p he went, until he had reached the third mile min. 30 1-5sec. From this point he appear have quickened his speed to a surprising extent, he reached the four-miles mark in 7min. 21sec.—world's record, and 3 2-5sec. less than Nelson and McGregor's time. The whole of the five milewere covered in 9min. 12 3-5sec., lessening Linn's world's record for the distance by not less tin 3 2-5sec. Of course the pacing played a great pt in this performance. The pacing instruments used were two tricycles (one manned by the famus Jallu brothers), a sextuplet, and a couple of tintetters. Michael rode a machine geared to 1. Needless to say he received a great ovation. It is worth while mentioning that this veritable wheel of the racing path is only 5ft., 1 in. in height and weighs 7st. 9lb. He is just 21 years of age.

THE British South Africa Company state that the issue of the new shares has been considerably over-applied for. So shows that the "ballon d'essai" of the Transvaal demand for an indemnity, prematurely let loose o the eve of the launching of the shares, has fallenflat, all the gas having escaped from it. The sad fate, we trust, awaits the real demand which is now being so preposterously inflated at Pretoria.

A SCENE of great excitement was witnessed at Waterloo Station the other day. A deserter from one of the regiments at Aldershott was being escorted back by two non-commissioned officers, and when about to enter the train, he made a desperate struggle, freed himself from his captors, and rushed off the platform, along York and Waterloo roads. An exciting chase ensued, the officers being joined in the race by three police constables. The runaway was ultimately captured, and taken back to the station. Here another struggle took place, and the man was got under control with great difficulty.

A PRESENT of fruit grown in Ontario has reached the Queen at Windsor Castle. It was contained in thirty boxes, and included apples, pears, grapes, and quinces, all in splendid preservation. They were forwarded from the High Commissioner's office in Westminster on the receipt of a telegram from her Majesty that she would be exceedingly pleased to accept the present. It is stated at the Canadian Office that the crop of Canadian apples since this year amounts to three million barrels, 900,000 barrels have already been shipped this season to England.

CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS.

OWING to the unwelcome visitation of sickness from which the city is suffering, the present season is admitted on all hands to be an exceptionally dull one for trade. "Globe-trotters" are conspicuous by their absence; Anglo-Indians, returning to their country, instead of spending a few days in Bombay to do their shopping, hasten away by the earliest available trains, and mofussil residents visit the city as little as they can. The effect of all this on the retail trade is most prejudicial. The shopkeepers, however, are not the people to lose heart, and it is a gratifying sign of their hope in a speedy change for the better that the preparations they have made to meet the wants of customers at Christmas time, are on as large and diversified a scale as in previous years. We hope their courage will be rewarded, and that the fact that the bubonic fever continues to attack the native masses, will not deter mofussil residents from sending their orders to Bombay. To do so will be to carry precautionary measures to altogether unnecessary lengths. We give below some details concerning the Christmas shows made by a number of the principal firms:—

MESSRS. MARCKS AND CO.

Messrs. Marcks and Company, Limited, have as usual a very large and magnificent display of jewellery suitable for presentation purposes. This firm seems to have been particularly active in anticipation of a good Christmas season in producing very many of the latest novelties in artistic jewellery. Jewellery at one time was looked upon as a luxury, but it is very evident from the enormous display that we have inspected, that jewellery has become a necessity demanded by the laws of society. There may be no particular craze for any one special article, but in this establishment, you can see quite a galaxy of things amongst which it would be difficult to decide which shines the brightest. We have seen some specimens of ladies, necklaces, delicate wire-worked necklaces, with small gold and enamelled globules, interspersed with pearls and necklaces to fit close to the throat, in delicate patterns with coloured gems intermingled with diamonds. There is a good show of pencil cases in plain gold and coloured enamellings and of penknives in gold, some jewelled, from a size that you could hang on a watch chain to one you can carry into a shikar field; studs and buttons and links, are all of the latest designs. Amongst the scarf pins we noticed some very novel and pretty designs in diamonds. In jewelled rings, their stock, we believe, is the largest in Bombay. Coloured gems with diamonds appear to be very much in favour at present. In brooches and bangles, this house renders a good account of itself, for many of the designs are distinctive and unique. We are told that silver ware will make a very important branch in this business; the collection at present is certainly very pretty and carefully selected. It includes an excellent collection of silver, bowls and prize cups. Rajah jewellery is as usual quite up to the standard of excellence in quality and finish. Their watch department has a splendid display in various designs of brooch watches, wrist watches, and pocket watches for ladies and gentlemen. The walls are covered with clocks of all shapes and sizes, and for various purposes, either for ornamentation or for more businesslike purposes, such as offices, schools, hospitals, railways, &c. Messrs. Marcks and Co., Ld., still appear to do well with the pianos manufactured by Messrs. Schiedmayer and Soehne of Stuttgart and Julius Bluthner, of Leipzig, for whom they have been sole agents for many years past. The electro-plate department is as usual full to overflowing. This house represents two very important electro-plate manufacturers of Sheffield. Altogether, the establishment impresses the visitor with the idea that he is visiting the jewellery department of an European exhibition.

MESSRS. KEMP AND CO.

Messrs. Kemp and Co. have evidently aimed at quality before quantity, and we notice a marked improvement at Cumballa Hill in their selection of Christmas novelties this season. The cards in particular show great taste, whilst the "good cheer" portion of their display is calculated to make visitors wish for a purse as long as Rothschild's. They have even kept out of sight the inevitable Hair Douche, in order, we presume, to save the minds of customers from dwelling on the proverbial "head" arising from Christmas festivities. The principal office, Sassoon House, is, as usual, devoted to medicine only, and in view of the damage that may occur after Christmas the branches appear to be ready to supply any amount of correctives. They are certainly up to date with regard to medicines and surgical instruments, which are of course thoroughly in their province.

MESSRS. PHILLIPS AND CO.

On entering Phillips and Co.'s Fort establishment, such thoughts as those of the plague and impending famine evaporate and are forgotten. "'Tis a poor heart that never rejoices," and a poor heart it would be that felt glum here. Christmas in all his glory smiles on you, offers you a hand —no, handful of good things to eat, drink, play, with and give away, box-loads of the same for your friends, and a whole caseful of crackers for your enemies. Fruits and sweets look unutterable things at you, and your little ones look unutterable things at the next case—toys, enough for the children of Israel to play with. Cakes and plum-puddings made far away in the bonnie land we come from, set our minds rushing through the thousands of miles of space between us and back again. The *Present* is singular, we are aware; but here the *presents* are plural, very much so —see the immense array of plated ware and other things in *closely-packed*, extended order, and each so suitable that a blind man could pick out a choice without disturbing the intelligent young gentleman so busily engaged making "Bran Pies," or his brother toiling laboriously but scientifically at the Christmas Tree and its dangers on! How clean and beautifully fresh—eh, and some green too—they looked. "Just landed ladies," said the smiling shop-keeper. "And these?" said we innocently indicating with a half-peg finger, the buildings of wine cases reaching to the roof, "Oh, that's old wine into old bottles, "with a sigh, wiping our mouth, we stepped out into Medows Street, feeling somehow that we had left good old Father Christmas be ind at Phillips'. So much for the Fort; and when we add that the Byculla premises have an even grander show, it will be concluded that Phillips and Co. are catering well for their friends this season.

MR. J. NEUBERG.

This well-known and long established firm, though not laying itself out for any particular Christmas specialties, deserves a more than passing word of notice at our hands on account of the large variety, useful character, and high-class quality of goods stocked. First and foremost of these are Mr. Neuberg's specialties of the "fragrant weed" which are too well-known to require any recommendation at our hands. His cigars, cigarettes, and tobaccos are popularly known throughout India, and can be thoroughly relied on to be "the real article." Next in popular patronage, Mr. Neuberg places his photographic department, to which interesting branch particular care and attention are devoted. Always well to the front in placing novelties before the public, his enterprise is rewarded by a steady and increasing demand for his goods from photographers, professional and amateur, throughout India. His catalogue for this department is a perfect vade mecum for disciples of the "black art." Among other useful stocks, we notice the now universal Bentwood furniture and the equally well-known cooking stoves for coal, coke, or wood, for the introduction of both of which into India Mr. Neuberg claims to be the pioneer. The "Basel Mission" is represented by stocks of their far-famed table linen, cotton tweeds, sheeting, towels, &c., for which Mr. Neuberg is sole agent in this city. As a special Christmas feature, Mr. Neuberg has just opened out a small assortment of Fine Art prints and oil paintings, the latter mounted in particularly handsome frames and well suited for presentation. We would recommend a visit to Mr. Neuberg's establishment, and the perusal of his carefully compiled catalogues for full particulars of his well-chosen stock-in-trade.

MESSRS. BEYNON AND CO.

Messrs. Beynon and Co., in their popular and up-to-date Pharmacy, opposite Watson's Hotel, aid the festive season with some very choice brands of wines and spirits at moderate prices; and what is more important in these days of adulteration, they guarantee them to be the pure juice of the grape. They also make a specialty of delicious non-alcoholic beverages, which must be particularly welcome to those who have to cater for friends who are abstainers, as well as children's parties, etc. We tasted a bottle of *Zolakone*, which has now a world-wide reputation, we are informed, and liked it immensely. Sweet presents for ladies may be found in their large stock of perfumery, and the gentlemen, in their turn, may be solaced with a really good "Trichi." Their courteous and experienced manager is also always at hand to repair the injury of a too plentiful application of Christmas fare.

N. B. DANTRA & CO.

For Christmas and New Year's presents the well-known firm of Messrs. N. B. Dantra and Co., of 33, Church Gate Street, have specially ordered out fresh consignments of their Indian and Ceylon Teas, Mocca and Leyton Coffee, and real Manilla Cizars, which have gained wide reputation both in India and abroad for their genuine and superior quality. The company has packed the superior qualities of teas and ground Mocca coffee in splendid and magnificent boxes of 2, 5, 10, 15, and 20 lbs., which look very nice, and are suitable for presentation to relatives and friends.

SHERIAR ASPANDIAR IRANI,

So eriar Aspandiar Irani, Kalbadevie Road, has a collection of musical boxes, playing very sweet and popular Hindustani and English tunes, 4 to 24 airs, and adorned with singing birds and dancing girls.

He has also a stock of pianos, hand-organs, street organs, American organs, foleing and cottage harmoniums for English and Indian songs, violins, banjoes, guitars, mandolins, accordions, etc., etc., and all other musical instruments. All these were personally selected and brought by Mr. Aspandiar when he paid his last annual visit to Europe seven months ago. All the instruments, particularly the musical boxes, combine the latest improvements. Besides musical instruments, there is an assortment of fancy mirrors, pictures, hand-paintings of famous Indian buildings, such as Taj Mal, etc., painted by skilful artists of Europe, Venetian life-size figures, &c.

MORENAS AND COMPANY.

This well-known and long-established firm have on view at their establishment in Medows Street an extensive and varied stock of goods pertaining to the festive season. The jewellery cases contain a very fine selection of high-class gold and silver goods, while the varied and really choice selection of the firm's electro-plated ware attracts considerable attention. The leather-goods department is replete with numerous practical articles for containing, among others, dressing and jewe-cases, albums, combination cases, writing desks, and a really grand collection of money-purses of all shapes and sizes, and at moderate prices. The toy department contains as usual a number of strong, useful, and instructive toys, while the firm's grand collection of mechanical toys is rendered more attractive by the addition of the Persian smoking his *hukkah*, the juggler performing his various tricks, the dancing lady, etc. The firm's stock of crystallised fruits, bon-bons, French and English confectionery, and Christmas and New Year cards is second to that of no other establishment in the city. The wine department is as always stocked with the best brands of well-known manufacturers, while the firm's reputation for ices is too well-known to need any mention from us. Every department has been stocked with the latest novelties, and the establishment is well worth a visit.

MESSRS. T. VAFIADIS AND CO.

Messrs. Th. Vafiadis and Co., the renowned high-class Egyptian cigarettes manufacturers and tobacco merchants, who have their head office and factory at Cairo, are again well stocked with goods of their own manufacture. The stock includes a very choice selection of Havana, Manila and Indian cigars and che oots, Merschaum and Briar-wood pipes with real amber, vulcanite and Brazilian horn mouth-pieces, with and without cases of high-class style and finish. Cigar and cigarette cases made of crocodile, Russian, lizard and morocco leathers, aluminium cigar and cigarette cases, amber figure cigar and cigarette holders, merschaum amber figure cigarette and cigar-holders, cigar cutter, pouches of all kinds, walking sticks, perfumes by Ed. Pinaud, Paris, and J. S. E. Atkinson, London; playing cards by Goodall and Sons, and numerous other kinds of smoking requisites suitable for Xmas presents. They are about to issue their illustrated and revised catalogue, with a pretty and attractive cover, accompanied by an almanac, and dealing with multifarous smoking requisites sold at the company's premises, at 20, Espianade Road.

MESSRS. SHROFF'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR.

The Bazaar is so well known to the public of this Presidency in general and Bombay in particular, that much need not be said to recommend it. The firm have this year taken particular care to order out from Europe and America, mostly all suitable presents for boys and girls of different ages, which enable all who largely buy prizes for Xmas Trees to make a selection in each case quite unlike the other. In fact, this firm is the place where such a varied stock is displayed ranging in price from the trivial sum of only one anna in Toys and two annas in Dressed Dolls up to Rs. 25 each. In fancy and useful presents such as work boxes, work baskets, hand bags, albums, inkstands, blotters, calendars, jewel cases, glove and handkerchief sets, &c., the firm can boast of the choicest selection for the cheapest price ever offered by anyone in India. Hundreds of Xmas treeholders are supplied by the firm on being given the number of children and their ages. The firm have received some very nice testimonials from several Xmas treeholders, who are highly pleased with their selection. The fish pond opens earlier this season—on Saturday, the 19th instant. All children well remember the treat they have at the Fish ponds on Xmas Eve, with band and illuminations till 12 p.m.

MESSRS. B. L. BATLIBOI AND CO.

The latest introduction in this old established firm by the proprietors, and one which should speak for the solidity of the firm, is an English West End Cutter, thus guaranteeing good fits and the introducing of purely good English styles. All goods in the tailoring department are pure wool, and all the styles are imported from the best and most fashionable houses. A large and varied stock of flannels is always kept in stock at more than moderate rates. In connection with the hosiery department, a specialty is made of ties and bows, and few houses in Bombay can show a larger or finer selection in this department. Mr. Batliboi, when last in London, made arrangements with the leading manufacturers to supply him direct, thus saving the middleman's profit and giving the public of Bombay the benefit of it all.

(To be continued.)

THE M. P. AND THE YOUNG LADY.

LAST week, it will be remembered, we had an account of the Member of Parliament for Forfarshire who had "sailed for India," while a law suit was threatening him, and related how the good people of Forfarshire had the case of the wife matter by publishing it to the world, and discussing their member in public conclave.

Papers received by the mail report that the calling fit of the Court of Session issued on the 23rd ultimo at Edinburgh contained notice of the following action:—"Ellen or Ella Quillan Grant, residing at 140, Perth road, Dundee, against Martin White, Barrister-at-Law, Dundee, M.P. for the county of Forfar." The action is one for damages. The roll does not state what are the grounds of the action nor the amount sued for.

On the same day on which the notices appeared, the *Gazette* contained the announcement that the Chancellor of the Exchequer had appointed James Martin White to be steward and bailiff of the Chiltern Hundreds. The representation of Forfarshire is, therefore, now legally vacant.

A meeting of the organization committee of the Forfarshire Liberal Association was immediately held in Dundee, when the vacancy was under consideration. It was agreed to summon a meeting of the general committee, for the purpose of selecting a candidate to contest the seat in the Liberal interest. The names of several gentlemen were mentioned as probable candidates.

Meanwhile we have not yet learnt whether or not the ex-member has arrived in India, and we are left to wonder whether in the "shadows brown" of one of our jungles, he is "hiding from Day's garish eye," passing the time after pheasants or deer, to "frighten from their hallowed haunt," or whether in defiance of the good people of Forfarshire, he is playing *Allegro* at Calcutta in "Pomp and Feast and Rsvelry."

The good people of Forfarshire have certainly gone the way to make their member famous, and might surely have waited until the trial of the case had come off.—*Madras Times.*

THE most "electric" village in Europe is Borobeke, in Belgium, where a plant has been put in operation according to plans drawn by Professor Schoentges, of Ghent. All streets, alleys, and private roads, all public and private buildings are lighted by electricity. The great dairy farms of the village are worked by electricity. For all this each householder pays only 19 francs per year in rates.

AMONG the property of Sir John Pender which is shortly to be dispersed under the hammer is "a set of Hansard Parliamentary debates from the library of the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, with his MS notes." It would be interesting to learn under what circumstances Mr. Gladstone transferred this particular property to other hands, and the competition for this particular "lot" is certain to be keen.

IN the quarrel between America and Spain the most serious factor may be the attitude of France. The French papers freely recognise that Spain is upholding the claims of Europe generally against the Monroe doctrine; and the "Figaro" says that all the States of Europe will feel well disposed towards Spain in her quarrel, "even if they do not actively assist her." The prospect is one which the United States can ill afford to regard with absolute indifference, in spite of their inexhaustible—and, we may add, untried—resources.

THE *Aberdeen Journal* states that Mr. Gregson, an Aberdeen landed proprietor, has been informed by Lord Salisbury that the Russian Government has expressed its great regret to the British Abassador at St. Petersburg at the brutal treatment of Mr. Gregson by the Russian frontier guards last summer. Mr. Gregson, whose passport was alleged to be defective, was assaulted by the soldiers, who have been tried by a military tribunal at Wilna and found guilty. The officer in charge has been severely reprimanded for neglect of duty and ordered to pay the descilinary penalty. The sergeant, who was convicted of acts of violence and discreditable behaviour, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment, and four soldiers to four months each. Mr. Gregson has made a further deposition before the Sheriff of Aberdeen at the instance of the Home Office.

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MR. BHOWNUGGREE AND MR. WADYA.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—At last I hear Mr. Bhownuggree's own reply, and it comes from Sholapur. The Hon'ble Member is reported to say "that all he had done was to repel a change made in London against the Parsees that they were disloyal and that the allegation in question was fictitious." It is a genuine pleasure to me to see Mr. Bhownuggree unable to assert in Bombay or near Bombay that the action of men like Dadabhai Naorojee and the Parsees who share his political opinions about India was held in detestation by the Parsee community. Yet, in justice to myself you will allow me to say and to make good my charge that Mr. Bhownuggree did say in London what he now denies in India. In a paper read before the East India Association, on the 6th March 1895, Sir Lepel Griffin made the following attack directly against Dadabhai Naoroji and indirectly against the Parsee Congresswallas:—"We are not going to draw up an exact balance-sheet of the advantages and losses which accrue to India or England from their mutual connection. A Parsee member of the House of Commons in an amendment to the address was very anxious that this should be done, and that the British Exchequer should pay some share of the charges for the Army and Civil service and the cost of Indian wars proportional to the benefit England derived from India. Most sensible people would imagine that the balance was entirely the other way. What does England gain by India? . . . We have given to her (India) every blessing which accompanies freedom and peace, and unless our Parsee friends and critics lived under the strong protection of England they could not be living in India at all or only as an outcast and proscribed race wearing a special dress in a special quarter of a few towns and paying five times as much taxation as that of which they now complain. The Parsees are an eminently worthy, industrious race, wealthy and charitable, well educated and intelligent citizens. But they do not enlist in our armies. They did not help us to conquer India; and it seems presumptious in one of their number, who is certainly out of sympathy with his fellow-countrymen, to dictate to us the cost at which we should defend it." I could be sure that in the above any charge of disloyalty "against the Parsees. On the contrary, the attack was directed against Mr. Dadabhai Naoroji, who was declared to be "certainly out of sympathy" with his fellow-countrymen. During the discussion on Sir Lepel Griffin's paper Mr. Bhownuggree addressed the meeting. He did not think it necessary then to defend the Parsees against any charge. Some time later from the quiet of his chamber Mr. Bhownuggree thought necessary to make an extraordinary addition to his speech as follows:—"Mr. Bhownuggree desires to add the following note:—"If I had had time left for further remark when I spoke at the meeting I should have added that I took exception to the remarks of Sir Lepel Griffin about the Parsees in so far as they would appear to assume that community has any but the most deep feelings of loyalty towards the British Government. The leaders of the Parsee community as well as the bulk of it have never tired of acknowledging the good that Government has done to India. *We should be loth if individuals and writers are found to express themselves in a different tone, which gives good reason for such remarks as those of Sir Lepel*; but it is unfair to generalise from this and attribute this tone to the Parsees as a body. *The action of such individuals and writers is held in detestation by the community, &c., &c.*" The words are in Italics above on which I rely for the challenge I gave to Mr. Bhownuggree in my speech at the Framjee Cowasjee Institute. They can bear only one meaning when taken with their context. Mr. Bhownuggree thought Sir Lepel Griffin's remarks against Dadabhai Naoroji and the individuals and writers of his stamp justified; but Mr. Bhownuggree wanted it published that such men were few and that their action was held in detestation by the Parsee community. I sincerely congratulate the Parsee community more than anyone else on Mr. Bhownuggree's present disclaimer. I wish I could congratulate Mr. Bhownuggree himself. I trust the Indian Association, which owes so much to Dadabhai Naoroji, will publish the disclaimer as it has published the charge. Mr. Bhownuggree knows—for I myself told him this during my recent visit to England—that the fact of his being a Conservative in British or Indian politics has nothing to do with the deep resentment which is felt against him in some quarters, and which he chooses to regard as due also to envy, &c. He owes to his attitude and his attacks such as those I have quoted above and to some of which I drew his attention personally in England, the wrathful feelings of which he has had proofs since his coming to his native land.—Yours, &c.,

Rose Bank, Kirkee, Dec. 10. H. A. WADYA.

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE ARMENIANS.

IN Turkey a weak Government has to struggle with notorious difficulties. It is said that there are, or were very recently, no less than eleven races hating each other on religious and race grounds within European Turkey alone. As regards the Armenians, recently they have been more talked of than ever in Europe, and are regarded as the nucleus of agitation directed by foreign agencies against the stability of the Sultan's Government. Their headquarters have been at Constantinople, they spread through Anatolia, especially its eastern half, and they number at least three millions, when their overflow through the town of Syria, Irak, and Egypt are taken into consideration. While the Poles have been proselytised into Russians by the knout and the mine, the Armenians under centuries of Turkish rule, which will at any rate stand comparison with Muscovite rule, have remained unchanged, according to Mr. Palgrave's authority, in body, mind, religion, usages, and even institutions. Their energies are devoted to agriculture, day-labour, and usury at rates varying from 24 to 100 per cent. It is as usurers that they have brought down upon themselves the hatred of their neighbours. According to Mr. Palgrave, who wrote on this subject in 1872, long before any party question arose, "all classes are his victims, but the chief sufferers are naturally the poor, and more especially the peasants." Usury is abhorrent to a Mussulman as forbidden by the Koran, and is excluded from his practice. Turkish and Arab landlords abhor eviction; not so the Armenians money-lender, who spreads eviction over wide tracts of country. "Entire villages have thus been uncroded, and cultivated lands left to pasture or downright desolation. The European traveller, primed with staple ideas about Turkish oppression, the Sultan's horse-hoofs, barbarian rule, and the like, sees the ruin along the wayside and notes for subsequent publication his observations on the decadence of the Turkish empire." The active cause of the desolation is the Armenian usurer; and if a Mussulman Court declared his contract void, a cry would be raised through Europe that no justice was to be had by Christians. "Sometimes," says Mr. Palgrave, "the usurer is also farmer of the Government revenue, and then oppression is redoubled. Their title to European sympathy before those horrible massacres were instituted is thus described: "What social merits they have, they share with the Mahometan population round them; their vices are their own. Nor are they the while subject to any disadvantage, civil or otherwise, nor to any persecution, nor inconvenience even; in fact their exemption from military conscription, their national and recognised tribunals, and their foreign appui through consuls, ambassadors, and newspapers, render them objects of envy, not compassion."—"The Eastern Question," in *Blackwood's Magazine* for December.

THE TURK AT BAY.

WE are very far from regarding either the Anatolian or the Constantinople massacres with sombre acquiescence, but it seems to us more useful to try and ascertain the order of ideas which leads to their perpetration, than to indulge in useless shrieks, lamentation, invective, and threats. Our belief is that it is terror rather than revenge which is the principal cause of massacre. The men of the French revolution sprang to the frontiers with fell ferocity to cope in open war with their assailants; they provided in sheer terror against the contingency of an enemy in their rear by putting all their prisoners to death. The position of Eastern Christians in the Ottoman dominion is politically that of aliens and internal foes whose face is set in the direction of Eastern or Western Europe, as the case may be, in preference to their own Government. For some generations the protectorate of Eastern Christians was the lever by which Russia sought to compass the fall of the Ottoman Power. The Western Powers, as they guaranteed the integrity and independence of the Turkish dominions, stipulated in their later treaties for the reform of Ottoman Administration, the better government of the subject and privileged of certain races have expanded into open insurrection. We do not, however, know on what information or with what motive the Ottoman Government proceeds, or whether it is animated by the blind fury of men conscious of the insecurity of their position, and panic-stricken at the mere appearance or beginning of hostility to their authority. What we do know is that there is savage, remorseless cruelty on the one side, terrible misery and suffering on the other; and that at the same time there are no known methods of interfering without war between a government and its subject except by the forces of public opinion and the influence of diplomatic representation, both of which, in this particular instance, are perfectly powerless, or, if effective at all, do more harm than good.—"The Eastern Question," in *Blackwood's Magazine* for December.

LONDONERS are grumbling about the price of bread. Rhodesians are grumbling about its quality and price as well. The Salisbury *Nugget* says that the local volunteers are using bread instead of bullets for shooting purposes, as they find it the more deadly and cartridges the more nutritious. A loaf of a few ounces formerly sold at 1s. 6d., now it is 1s.; and ladies who are leaving the town for more desirable quarters are bringing loaves away in their pockets with a view to the manufacture of souvenir brooches. Some, after drying the loaves for a little longer, says the same paper, will wear them on threads as necklaces. The statement sounds improbable; but so do most of the reports we get from the same land of resurrected chiefs and revived rebellions.

THE Prince of Wales has (says the *World*) purchased from Mr. Ernest T. Hooley, the Anmer Hall estate in Norfolk, the shooting of which has been rented by the Duke of York for some years past. As the Anmer Hall property runs for a considerable distance with Sandringham, the sale now concluded adds very materially to the value of the Prince's Norfolk estates. Anmer Hall is a remarkably fine specimen of a genuine Queen Anne mansion, and it is probable that the Duke and Duchess of York will ultimately reside there.

IT is authoritatively stated that the Queen is in better health and spirits just now than she has been for many years, and that Her Majesty is looking forward with much pleasure to the opportunity she will have next year of entertaining many foreign Royal personages on the occasion of the celebration of her long reign. Although the invitations have not yet been formally sent out, enough is known to show that the gathering of Royalties will be greater than on the occasion of the Jubilee celebration in 1887. It is stated positively that the Tsar and Tsaritza, as well as the German Emperor, will come to England.

FEMININE FACTS AND FANCIES.

A LADY of title has established and endowed a home for cats.

It is said that Princess Maud gives her husband an hour's lesson every day in the English language.

Some ladies, to preserve their furs from moths, roll them in newspaper. They say that moths will not eat printer's ink.

Unlike many great ladies, the Queen has always refused to trust all her domestic arrangements to a housekeeper. No change is ever made in the royal household without her knowledge.

It is said, although the report awaits confirmation, that Her Royal Highness Princess Victoria of Wales is likely to become affianced to the only son of an English Earl; that the Prince and Princess of Wales have smiled upon the young couple, but that, so far, the Queen has not.

The habit which many ladies have of wearing a watch pinned to the bodice has never struck me as particularly well advised. Jewellery thus exposed, and so easily secured, is highly secured, it always seems to me, must be a sore temptation to the thief. However that may be, I should think the custom would hardly survive the ridicule to which it has been subjected.

Jewelled gloves are the newest addition to the glittering toilet of rich society dames in America who have more money than good taste. It isn't "good form" to wear rings outside one's gloves, great though the temptation may be to them. Therefore, the new fashion has come in the nature of a compromise. The gloves is made of fine suede, and is usually light in colour, tan, white, pearl, or some evening shade. Gems of some sort, usually diamonds, outline each seam, and are thickly set to imitate the stitching on the back.

Some engaged girls delight to put their lovers through an ordeal to test their loves, as they believe. They sometimes go too far. The result of a passing men through the fire is not always a satisfactory one. One maiden suddenly evinces a dislike for tobacco, therefore she considers it necessary for her lover to give up the weed he loves so ardently, or never remain obedient. Another is in a sniffling mood as this has more than once caused the breaking of an otherwise happy engagement. Some men will do a great deal for the girls they love, but when their whims become ridiculous it is only natural that they rebel against them.

The gambling fever is reported to be spreading rapidly amongst women of all classes. The sex has taken in considerable numbers to bookmaking, and in not a few instances to the keeping of betting-houses. Women have been fined in London, Liverpool, and other towns for these offences during the present year, and the evidence of the increase of betting among them is overwhelmingly convincing. An incident is mentioned of a number of well-known fashionable ladies who, at a highclass hotel, were overheard making bets as freely as though they were on the racecourse. They did not merely back horses and make bets on cricket matches, but the craze seems to have got such possession of them that they were actually making bets on the number of seconds it would take a waiter to bring anything that was ordered, and how soon a cabman could drive to a station.

When a lady goes shopping she often forgets how much politeness adorns that act as it does every other. She should be courteous and considerate to the shop-assistant who serves her; she should make up her mind what she wants, and don't order her assistants, and she should avoid giving unnecessary trouble. One sometimes sees a counter piled with heavy boxes which the undecided customer has had taken down, and then merely looks at anything she cares for. Remember that if you do not find what you want, it is not the shop-assistant's fault, and don't scold her for it. Do not speak to her as if she were a woman in automation; and don't order her about as if she were your slave and you had bought and paid for her.

In selecting songs for an audience, choose, within the range of good music, the songs which will best suit the people for whom you are to sing. Do not insist upon singing classical songs to a mixed audience, but never pander to the most ordinary of audiences anything trashy. Plenty of songs are both light and good, so for the sake of music and yourself never sing poor songs. In the interpretation of a character or song

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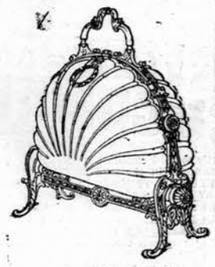
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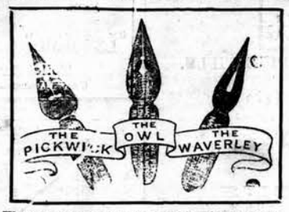

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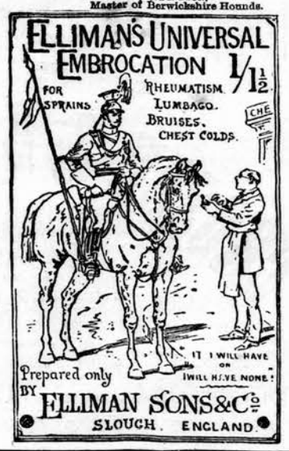

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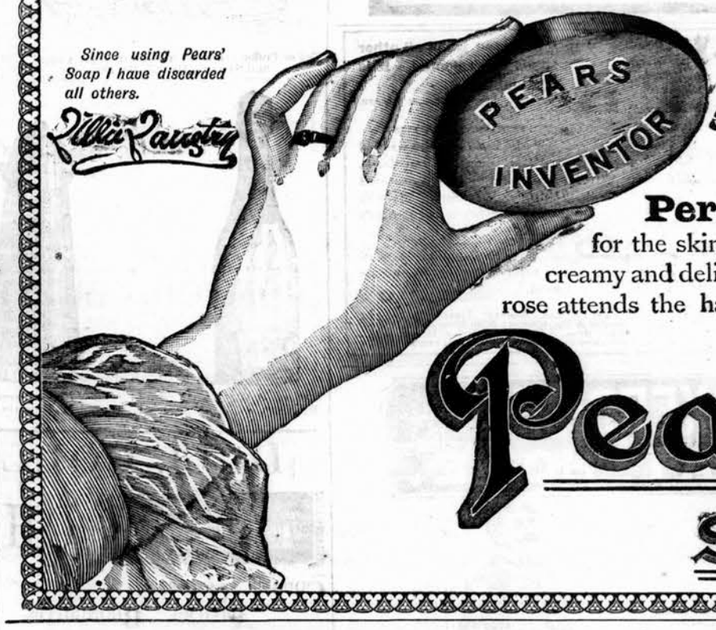

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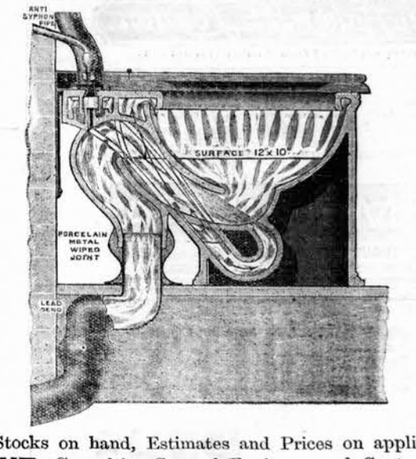

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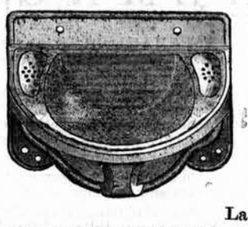

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